

REMARKS

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

On September 8, 2004, the undersigned attorney called Examiner Chunduru regarding the following statement in paragraph 5 of the Advisory Action (Paper No. 5) mailed September 2, 2004:

With regard to the arguments and amendment regarding the reference Barbera-Guillem et al., the rejection is **withdrawn herein in view of the amendment.**

Since dependent claims 15 (15/1) and 20 (20/15) were rejected **only** on Barbera-Guillem '779, and since claim 18 was **not finally rejected on any prior art**, the attorney asked for confirmation that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. After consulting with Primary Examiner Fredman, Examiner Chunduru called the undersigned attorney and stated that the following claims would be allowable:

Claim 15 (15/1) if rewritten in independent form and amended to delete ", a bi-functional molecular entity,";

Claim 18 (18/14/1) if rewritten in independent form; and

Claim 20 (20/15).

Thus, claim 15 (15/1) has been rewritten in independent form (but amended as required by the Primary Examiner), claim 18 (18/14/1) has been rewritten in independent form, and claim 20 (20/15) has been amended to conform it to the rewritten parent claim 15.

Thus, claims 15, 18 and 20 now should be **allowable**.

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Claim 1 has been canceled, and the remaining ones of the pending claims 2, 4 and 6-20 have been amended to make them either directly or indirectly **dependent on the allowable claim 15**.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for **allowance with all claims 2, 4 and 6-20**.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

However, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

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Applicant files concurrently herewith a Petition (with fee) for an Extension of Time of Two Months (the second and third months).

Applicant also files concurrently herewith a Notice of Appeal (with fee) in order to maintain the application in a pending status to permit consideration of this Amendment by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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